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PASS TREASURY FOR JOHN JOHNSON

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MINFIN FAMILIARIZATION VISITS TO TREASURY

1. DORNELLES REPORTS THAT DURING TALKS IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 21-23, TREASURY OFFICIALS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO HIS PROPOSAL TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE'S GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE FOR ORIENTATION BRIEFINGS ON THE ROLE OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE TREASURY. DORNELLES WOULD LIKE TO SEND TWO TEAMS, EACH WITH SEVEN INDIVIDUALS AND LED BY DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL CID DE QUEIROZ TO WASHINGTON; THE FIRST DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23-27 AND THE SECOND THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27- DECEMBER 1.

2. DORNELLES HAS IN MIND A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS AND BRIEFINGS THAT WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
A) RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AGENCIES, THE CONGRESS, AND THE JUDICIARY; B) ORGANIZATION OF THE TREASURY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ITS TOP OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; C) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE; D) RELATIONSHIPS OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE TREASURY SUCH AS THE ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY FOR TAX POLICY AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND WITH OTHER AGENCIES;
E) ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; F) ROLE OF THE TREASURY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING TAX COURTS AND CUSTOMS.

3. WHILE ALL THE BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANTS HAVE STUDIED ENGLISH, THE SERVICES OF AN INTERPRETER WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THE EVENT OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES.

4. DORNELLES EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR HIS PERSONNEL TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH TREASURY'S ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS. HE BELIEVES THAT THE EXPERIENCE THEY GAIN WILL BE VALUABLE IN POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE NEW GOB ADMINISTRATION.

5. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TEAMS ARE SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE REGARDING THE PROPOSED DATES FOR THE VISITS BUT OF COURSE WOULD LIKE TO FIRM UP THEIR TRAVEL PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE PROPOSED ORIENTATION VISITS WOULD CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TREASURY AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT TREASURY BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE TO THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED LAST MONTH BY DORNELLES WITH TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN.
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